

ABSTRACT

An automated system for disseminating information from a company to a third party about customers of the company is disclosed. The information disseminated relates to a relationship between the company and one of its customers. The company provides a website having a secure portion that may be accessed only via a previously assigned ID and password. The company provides the Customer Account Number, but the Commercial Identification Number may be assigned or changed by the customer. The customer thus controls access to the information to be provided to a third party, because it must supply both numbers to those who are to be able to access the stored information.

- 10 The system eliminates the necessity of manually completing requests. By automating the system, information retrieval is consistent, quicker, and allows for central administration control and monitoring of all inquiries. Response to third parties wishing to obtain information is almost instantaneous.